Reply to Office Action of August 23, 2007

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

(Currently Amended) A method of drying a liquid coating composition comprising:
coating a base film containing cellulose triacetate with a liquid coating composition
comprising a solvent and a binder: and

drying a liquid coating composition containing a volatile solvent and a binder-coated to a base film containing cellulose triacetate, wherein drying of the coated base film:

wherein the step of drying the coated base film starts is started-within 10 seconds from of coating, and

wherein a residual amount of solvent remains on the coated base film after drying, and wherein the a-residual solvent to binder ratio content of the coating is reduced to 30% or less based on the binder-within 30 seconds of from coating, and

wherein the step of drying the coated base film comprises heating the side of the base film opposite the coated side.

- 2. (Cancelled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the heating is carried out by using radiant heat from a radiant heater.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the heating is carried out by bringing the base film into contact with a conductive heater.

- 5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the liquid coating composition is coated to the base film in an amount of 10 ml/m<sup>2</sup> or less.
  - 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein the liquid coating composition is coated to the base film in an amount of 10 ml/m<sup>2</sup> or less.
- 8. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein the liquid coating composition is coated to the base film in an amount of 10 ml/m<sup>2</sup> or less.